

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17, 25, and 27-35 are pending. Claim 25 has been amended. Claims 26, 36, and 37 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 25 has been amended in response to the rejection.

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kurase. Applicants traverse the rejection. Claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 26 that has been indicated as being allowable. Claim 25 is allowable at least for this reason.

Claims 25, 27-34, and 36-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kurase. Applicants traverse the rejection. Claim 25 is allowable for the reason set forth above. Claims 27-34 depend from claim 25 and are allowable at least for this reason. Claims 36-37 have been canceled.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-17 and 35.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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